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**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS  
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Report of the Board of Stewards for the week of February 19, 2008 through February 24, 2008.

**TUESDAY**

02/19/2008

(1) DUTY STEWARD

Martin Hamilton was the duty Steward this week attending to all morning office matters and recorded the minutes during this reporting period.

(2) SCRATCHES FOR THURSDAY

Two rider changes were the only corrections for Thursday's program.

(3) ENTRIES FOR FRIDAY

One Arabian, three Thoroughbred and six Quarter Horse races were drawn for Friday's card, completed at 12:30 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY**

02/20/2008

(1) SCRATCHES FOR FRIDAY

One rider change comprised scratch time for Friday at 9:00 a.m.

(2) ENTRIES FOR SATURDAY

Eleven races made up the card for Saturday consisting of three Thoroughbred and eight Quarter Horse events. The draw was completed at 1:30 p.m.

**THURSDAY**

02/21/2008

(1) SCRATCHES FOR SATURDAY

Two declarations and three rider changes were approved at the 9:00 a.m. scratch time for Saturday.

(2) ENTRIES FOR SUNDAY

One Arabian, one Thoroughbred and seven Quarter Horse races completed the nine race program for Sunday. The draw was finalized at 12:30 p.m.

(3) PAUL AGUIRRE RULINGRULING # 61

TRAINER PAUL AGUIRRE WHO STARTED THE HORSE "SODA POP SYD" IN THE FIRST RACE ON OCTOBER 25, 2007, AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE IS FINED EIGHT HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$800.00)\* PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE # 1887(A) (TRAINER TO INSURE CONDITION OF HORSE) FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE # 1843 (A&D) (MEDICATION, DRUGS AND OTHER SUBSTANCES – FLUNIXIN IN EXCESS OF PERMITTED LEVEL CLASS VI), AND #1844 (B-C-2) (AUTHORIZED MEDICATION – RACE DAY ADMINISTRATION).

The above noted ruling was issued following due deliberation over testimony and documentary evidence presented in a formal hearing held on February 16, 2008. (Refer 02/16/2008 (4)).

(4) MARK WHITAKER RULINGRULING # 62

HAVING SATISFIED A DEBT TO EQUINE SPORTS MEDICINE, OWNER MARK WHITAKER IS HEREBY RESTORED TO GOOD STANDING. RULING # 49 ISSUED AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON FEBRUARY 8, 2008, FOR FAILURE TO APPEAR, IS HEREBY SET ASIDE.

The foregoing ruling was written when the board of Stewards received written notice that Mr. Whitaker had satisfied his outstanding account with Equine Sports Medicine by paying in full.

(5) CAL-BRED REPORT

The Cal-Bred race offered for maidens, three years old and upward, claiming price \$5,000, going 300 yards received no entries.

(6) INQUIRIES – 3<sup>RD</sup> RACE – DOUBLE DISQUALIFICATION

Following the third race the Stewards posted the Inquiry sign to review interference 80 yards after the start involving # 1 "On High Cee" (4<sup>th</sup> – jockey Eulices Gomez), # 4 "Jetago Rime" (5<sup>th</sup> – jockey Joel Cruz), # 3 "Flashy Netas" (6<sup>th</sup> – jockey Cody Jensen) and # 2 "Movin' Mountains" (7<sup>th</sup> – jockey Dihigi Gladney).

Films show # 1 drifted out in the path of # 2 and # 4 drifted into the path of # 3 costing both # 2 and # 3 a chance at a better placing.

Following a thorough review and after talking to the riders involved # 1 and # 4 were both disqualified from 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> and placed 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> respectively in a unanimous decision.

(7) LATE DECLARATIONS

2<sup>nd</sup> Race - # 3 Desolation (Tr. J. Glenn Jr.) sick, Dr. Guillen.  
Refund: \$217.00.

4<sup>th</sup> Race - # 6 Iba Stoli (Tr. K. Rynearson) injured, Dr. Hackathorn.  
Refund: \$150.00.

8<sup>th</sup> Race - # 8 Nofishinonafullmoon (Tr. P. Visscher) injured, Dr. Hackathorn.  
Refund: \$189.00.

(7) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	855	On Track Handle:	\$135,988
Off Track Attendance:	-----	Off Track Handle:	\$449,652
Total:	855	Out of State:	<u>\$266,806</u>
		Total:	\$852,446

FRIDAY

02/22/2008

(1) CAL-BRED REPORT

The Cal-Bred race written for three year olds and upward, claiming price \$5,000, at a distance of 300 yards was called off with one entry received.

(2) MARY PATINO (CASE# 08LA0004)

The above referenced financial complaint filed against owner Mary Patino by trainer Jesus Nunez for training services rendered was dismissed when Mr. Nunez failed to be present to represent his interests.

(3) FILM REVIEW

Jockeys Joel Cruz and Eulices Gomez were in, as directed, to review the third race from last evening where both were disqualified for interference. Films convey both horses drifted subtly contributing to the situation, however, majority of the blame was shifted to the horses. Jockey Gomez, new to Quarter Horse racing, was cautioned to react quicker when mounts go on the drift.

(4) INQUIRY – 10<sup>TH</sup> RACE - DISQUALIFICATION

The Stewards posted the Inquiry sign following the tenth race for a review of an incident 100 yards after the start of the 300 yard Quarter Horse event.

Films show # 1 "Check This Noble" with jockey Ramon Sanchez ducked out sharply passing the gap and bumped # 2 "Dreamers Okie" (6<sup>th</sup> – jockey Juan Andrade) into # 4 "Armando Duke" (9<sup>th</sup> – jockey Dorothy Williams), costing the latter two the opportunity at better placings.

Following a review of the tapes of the race, and after talking the riders involved, # 1 was disqualified from fifth and placed eighth.

(5) LATE DECLARATIONS

2<sup>nd</sup> Race - # 6 Catrina Dash (Tr. R. Ramirez) sick, Dr. Guillen.  
Refund: \$802.00.

6<sup>th</sup> Race - # 2 lb A Bono (Tr. R. Viramontes) injured, Dr. Hackathorn.  
Refund: \$179.00.

10<sup>th</sup> Race - # 3 Rare Auld Times (Tr. D. Luna) re-enter, Stewards.  
Refund: \$331.00.

# 8 Red Hot Again (Tr. J. Hanson) re-enter, Stewards.  
Refund: \$516.00.

(6) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	1,154	On Track Handle:	\$227,581
Off Track Attendance:	<u>3,303</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$591,611
Total:	4,457	Out of State:	<u>\$802,449</u>
		Total:	\$1,621,641

**SATURDAY**

02/23/2008

**(1) ENTRIES FOR THURSDAY**

One Arabian, two Thoroughbred and five Quarter Horse races make up the card for next Thursday. The draw was completed at 1:00 p.m.

**(2) CAL-BRED REPORT**

The Cal-Bred race offered for three year olds and upward, claiming price \$2,000, going 870 yards failed to fill Cal-Bred with three and was used open with eight going postward in the third race on the evening.

**(3) PAUL JONES (CASE# 08LA0047)**

Trainer Paul Jones appeared to address the above noted complaint issued when he entered for a race on February 8, 2008 and neglected to notify the Racing Office that the horse had been gelded since his last race. Mr. Jones took full responsibility for the oversight stating that he should have checked him when he returned from being turned out at the farm. At the conclusion the following ruling was written.

**RULING # 65**

TRAINER PAUL JONES IS FINED FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00)\* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE # 1865 (ALTERING SEX OF HORSE) ON FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2008.

**(4) PAUL PRICE (CASE# 08LA0046)**

Trainer Paul Price appeared to respond to the above referenced complaint filed when his horse "Shake The Dice" tested positive for Dexamethasone on January 24, 2008. Mr. Price accepted full responsibility by admitting that his timing for withdrawal was off and accepted the following ruling.

**RULING # 66**

TRAINER PAUL PRICE WHO STARTED THE HORSE "SHAKE THE DICE" IN THE SEVENTH RACE ON JANUARY 24, 2008, AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE IS FINED FOUR HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$400.00)\* PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE # 1887(A) (TRAINER TO INSURE CONDITION OF HORSE) FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE # 1843 (A&D) (MEDICATION, DRUGS AND OTHER SUBSTANCES – DEXAMETHASONE – CLASS VI).

**(5) OBJECTION – 11<sup>TH</sup> RACE – NO CHANGE**

Following the eleventh race, jockey Raul Ramirez, Jr. astride second place finisher # 6 "Baringo" lodged a claim of foul against first place finisher " 3 "Rich And Foxy Man" and jockey Santiago Mendez for alleged interference during the running of the 300 yard Quarter Horse finale.

Films show the two rivals brushed mid-race in what was deemed a 50/50 exchange. Accordingly, no change was warranted.

**(6) LATE DECLARATIONS**

1<sup>st</sup> Race - # 3 Tiz Ganador (Tr. A. Soto) sick, Dr. Guillen.  
Refund: \$963.00.

# 4 Cantorin (Tr. A. Guerrero) sick, Dr. Guillen.  
Refund: \$591.00.

4<sup>th</sup> Race - # 5 Sweet Separations (Tr. K. Rynearson) sick, Dr. Hackathorn.  
Refund: \$173.00.

6<sup>th</sup> Race - # 3 A Dash Of Dee (Tr. S. Carter) sick, Dr. Hackathorn.  
Refund: \$265.00.

11<sup>th</sup> Race - # 5 Magnificent Mistake (Tr. E. Navarro) no papers, Stewards.  
Refund: \$275.00.

(7) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	1374	On Track Handle:	\$242,952
Off Track Attendance:	<u>2566</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$509,749
Total:	3940	Out of State:	<u>\$708,521</u>
		Total:	\$1,461,223

**SUNDAY**

02/24/2008

(1) CAL-BRED REPORT

The Cal-Bred race written for maidens, three years old, claiming price \$5,000, at a distance of 300 yards was called off after no entries were received.

(2) FILM REVIEW

Jockey's Joel Cruz and Rodrigo Aceves were in, as directed, to review races from February 22 and February 23, respectively, where both were cautioned and warned to maintain a straight course. Both were marginally clear, however, could have been more attentive to their line of travel.

(3) HARRY NELSON (CASE #08LA0024)

Following due deliberation The above referenced complaint against Trainer Harry Nelson was dismissed when he provided documentation stating that the horse in question was gelded as a yearling. Dr. Rebecca L. Blair, DVM supplied the document. (Refer 2/17/08 (2)).

(4) NO PROBLEMS

This evenings nine race program was conducted in an orderly fashion without reportable incident.

(5) LATE DECLARATIONS

5<sup>th</sup> Race - # 7 WMA Newest Style (Tr. J. Partin) injured, Dr. Hackathorn.  
Refund: \$83.00

8<sup>th</sup> Race - # 3 Ima Strawfly (Tr. J. DeLa Torre) sick, Dr. Hackathorn.  
Refund: \$104.00

(6) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	789	On Track Handle:	\$226,013
Off Track Attendance:	<u>2391</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$583,702
Total:	3180	Out of State:	<u>\$637,604</u>
		Total:	\$1,447,320

**VETERINARIAN RECOMMENDED SCRATCHES**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Race</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Trainer</u>	<u>Reason</u>	<u>Vet</u>	<u>Refund</u>
2/21/2008	2	3	Desolation	J. Glenn Jr.	Sick	Guillen	\$217
	4	6	Iba Stoli	K. Ryneerson	Injured	Hackathorn	\$150
	8	8	Nofishinonafullmoon	P. Visscher	Injured	Hackathorn	\$189
2/22/2008	2	6	Catrina Dash	R. Ramirez	Sick	Guillen	\$802
	6	2	Ib A Bono	R. Viramontes	Injured	Hackathorn	\$179
2/23/2008	1	3	Tiz Ganador	A. Soto	Sick	Guillen	\$963
	1	4	Cantorin	A. Guerrero	Sick	Guillen	\$591
	4	5	Sweet Separations	K. Ryneerson	Sick	Hackathorn	\$173
	6	3	A Dash Of Dee	S. Carter	Sick	Hackathorn	\$265
2/24/2008	5	7	WMA Newest Style	J. Partin	Injured	Hackathorn	\$83
	8	3	Ima Strawfly	J. DeLa Torre	Sick	Hackathorn	\$104

**TRACK SAFETY REPORT**

The weekly inspection was conducted on February 24, 2008.

Two equine deaths were reported this week due to racing injuries.

During this reporting period sixteen horses were added to the Veterinarian's

List as follows: four for soundness, five for injury and seven for sickness.

Eleven horses previously on the Veterinarian's List were examined and

removed from the list.

This report was submitted by Steward Martin Hamilton.

**CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD  
SUMMARY**

	MON	TUE	WED	THU 02/21	FRI 02/22	SAT 02/23	SUN 02/24	WEEK TOTAL	MEET TOTAL
ACCIDENTS	D			0	0	0	0	0	10
CAL-BRED RACES		A		0	0	0	0	0	0
CLAIMS			R	4	6	4	3	17	154
DISQUALIFICATIONS		K		2	1	0	0	3	12
INQUIRIES	D			1	1	1	0	3	19
REFUNDS		A		3	4	5	2	14	92
RULINGS			Y	2	2	2	0	6	66

Stewards' Attendance: Martin Hamilton, George Slender, and Kim Sawyer were in daily attendance during this reporting period.

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Martin Hamilton (Steward)

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George Slender (Steward)

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Kim Sawyer (Steward)